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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WEIDER PHARMACEUTICAL PLANT IN SINGAPORE WITH MFA SENIOR DEVELOPMENT ADVISER JON AASE MAY 19 PER REQUEST REFTEL. AASE REPORTED GON IS NOT CONCERNED IN THE LEAST THAT BY-PRODUCTS FROM WEIDER PLANT IN SINGAPORE COULD BE DIVERTED TO ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE. WEIDER, ACCORDING TO AASE, IS OLD, REPUTABLE NORWEGIAN FIRM THAT WILL USE SAME TIGHT CONTROLS IN SINGAPORE THAT PREVAIL IN NORWAY. THERE IS ALSO ABSOLUTELY NO POSSIBILITY THAT GON WOULD WITHDRAW CAPITAL EXPORT LICENSE OR LOAN GUARANTEES FROM WEIDER, AASE SAID. UNCLASSIFIED

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2. AASE ALSO NOTED THAT IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH NORWEGIAN EXPERTS IN NARCOTICS FIELD, AS WELL AS WITH US AND UN EXPERTS AT MARCH 1978 UN DRUG COMMISSION MEETING IN GENEVA, HE DETECTED NO CONCERN THAT OPERATION OF WEIDER PLANT IN SINGAPORE WOULD AFFECT OPIUM POPPY PRODUCTION IN EAST ASIA IN ANY WAY.

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